



Canada Speaker Series

The role of Ukrainian diaspora groups in mnemonical preservation and the promotion of Holodomor narratives in Canada.

With Milana Nikolko



The presentation seeks to analyze the role of transnational communities (diasporas) in the process of collecting, securing and converting episodes of national trauma into the global visual product of remembering and cooptation. Informed by memory studies and diaspora research. We are looking at international communities' initiatives to recreate the collective narrative of trauma in the existing model of mnemonical positionality. Over the 20th and 21st centuries, the Ukrainian Canadian diaspora has become a remarkable mnemonic actor, known for championing very specific “symbolic” causes that aim to generate certain images of the community for the general audience. Among them are Holodomor-genocide recognition and information campaigns, and the creation of multiple cinematic products, which reach out to Canadian and international audiences.

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WHEN

DATE: Friday Oct 20

TIME: 12:30

WHERE: DT 1216

A light lunch will be served.

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